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MEMORANDUM

The 14th of June Revolutionary Movement

Summary

The 14th of June Revolutionary Movement (MR-1J4) is a pro-Castro, Communist-oriented political organization. Although it started as an anti-Trujillo, nationalistic movement, it became increasingly extremist during the early 1960s, and as a consequence lost many of its moderate members. The membership is now estimated at 1,500.

The MR-1J4 took an active role in the April 1965 revolution and was a major element in the rebel camp.

The group has been hampered by an internal split. A "softline" faction, while not eschewing violence, has opposed guerrilla warfare in favor of political tactics. A "hardline" faction, which now appears to be in the ascendancy, favors "national liberation" by violence and is strongly attracted to the Chinese Communist line. Marxist and Communist influence is readily apparent in the group's thinking, and the MR-1J4 secretary general has said that the aim of the present leadership is the conversion of the movement into a Marxist-Leninist party.

The MR-1J4 maintains close contact with foreign Communist groups and countries. [redacted] financial aid from Cuba and Communist China, and many members have received guerrilla warfare and political training in Communist countries. The MR-1J4 maintains a nationalistic facade which serves to attract many youths who are neither Marxist nor Communist but who feel that the Dominican Republic's social ills require a radical and violent solution.

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